

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS20948

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the requirements for counties and the Catastrophic Board to enable them to pay for authorized expenditures for alternative programs that would help control health care costs of indigent individuals. Examples of some alternatives would be the paying of an insurance premium for individuals that would clearly be deemed indigent at the county level; providing for some preventative care programs and case management to assist with an indigent person's health care.

FISCAL NOTE

There would be a direct savings to both the state general fund and county indigent fund of approximately \$3.7 million statewide in FY2013, seventy-five percent of which would impact the state. We also estimate that there would be approximately \$600,000 in savings for the remainder of FY2012. There will also be an indirect savings by diverting individuals to other alternative programs.

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